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SUBJECT: SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS -- PORT LOUIS

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1. THE PROJECTED FLAT ARMORED TRANSPARANCIES WHILE NOT PROVIDING PROTECTION FROM CONCENTRATED MACHINE GUN FIRE, WOULD PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE IN THE 9MM PARABELLUM/.357 MAGNUM CATEGORY WHICH IS THE EVALUATED BALLISTIC THREAT AT POST (REFER PRETORIA'S 4566 OF 1974).
2. PRETORIA'S A-205 DATED 8 NOVEMBER 1974 (SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY SURVEY) CONTAINS THE STATEMENT UNDER I-E OF THE REPORT QUOTE THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN MAURITIUS IS STABLE AND SHOULD POSE NO SECURITY THREAT TO THE EMBASSY UNQUOTE. PLACEMENT OF BULLET--RESISTANT GLASS IN WINDOWS OF THE AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE WOULD BE A PREVENTATIVE MEASURE CORRECTING A SECURITY HAZARD IN ANTICIPATION OF POSSIBLE THREATS OR ACTS OF VIOLENCE WHICH MIGHT OCCUR IN THE FUTURE.
3. THE CLEAR PURPOSE OF ALL PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE RE SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE AMBASSADOR'S WINDOWS HAS BEEN TO PROVIDE SOME TYPE OF PROTECTION AGAINST BALLISTIC PROJECTILES; THE SECONDARY PROTECTION TO BE AGAINST BY-PROU GJJPZTE#PROJECTILES SUCH AS SHATTERING GLASS.

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4. ALTERNATIVE 3-A OF REFTTEL (MYLAR) WOULD PROVIDE ONLY

SECONDARY PRETECTION. (IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT AIMED PROJECTILES MIGHT BE MIS-DIRECTED BECAUSE THE TINT WOULD PRECLUDE OBSERVATION OF THE INTERIOR OF THE OFFICE, BUT MYLAR WOULD NOT SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE VULNERABILITY OF OFFICE OCCUPANTS TO PROJECTILES, ESPECIALLY IF AUTOMATIC FIRE OR A QUICK SERIES OF "SPRAY" INDIVIDUAL SHOTS WERE UTILIZED.)

5. ALTERNATIVES 3-B AND 3-C OF REFTTEL WOULD BE PREFERABLE OVER 3-A IN THAT THEY WOULD PROVIDE BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PROTECTION AS DESCRIBED IN PARA THREE (3) ABOVE. IF 3-B OR 3-C WERE ADOPTED, THE LOUVERS OR BLINDS SHOULD BE OF SUFFICIENT STRENGTH TO DEFLECT PROJECTILES OF THE 9MM PARABELLUM/.357 MAGNUM VARIETY.
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